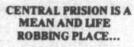


So fittingly we honor our Pioneer Fathers

As I See It

by Bruce Barton



Central Prision in Raleigh is a death trap, no doubt about it. The place smells of death. It's in the air, everywhere one turns. The place is life robbing, demeaning, and depressing to the human spirit. It is hard to look up in Central Prision because everything is drab and dank and dark and depressing. One's spirit is disturbed by the smells and sights of Central Prison.

I pulled time there in the 60's: I am not proud of it but neither am I ashamed of it. I learned more about life than I will ever learn again. I learned how to appreciate life and how to live for the moment, being thankful for each and every

I grew up in Central Prison; I learned how to get along (at the threat of my life) with other human beings, a necessary trait one must develop if one is to live.

But the state and the administration and the prison guards are not helpful; I would any they are part of the continuing problem within the walls of Central Prison. They look down their long state noses at the prisoners, treating them with demeaning condescension. It is the worst kind of racism. I will never forget how shoddily I was reated in Central Prison. To me, Central Prison might be the worst place to be on the face of this earth.

Central Prison was built at the turn of the century or before to house maybe 800 prisoners; the last account I had there were some 1300 crammed within the awful place. When I was there there was hardly room to turn around. Trouble erupted often because we were in one another's way. We-had no breathing room.

There are some 130 people (including those on death row) locked up all day long (except for an hour of recreation daily) on maximum security on what is known as A. B: and J blocks. They live alone in single cells, awaiting disposition of their cases. A number of them on these cell blocks are from Robeson County.

The cells measure 6 by 9 feet. Except for showers twice a week, trips to the hospital and a visit ever once in a while from family or friends, the men spend 23 hours a day in their cell block. Their food is brought to them.

Recently a spate of complaints have filtered out from the mean confines of maximum security. There have been incidents where men have mutilated themselves so someone will listen to their complaints.

I have received an underground paper entitled The

Renegade. I will not reveal my source unless the source expressly asks me to; there might be reprisals against

But I want to share this underground news with you: it is real and disturbing and painful. But, interesting enough, it is well written and is more than distribe. The writer is controlled and hopeful. But the letter cries out for help... as if to say, "help us before it is too late.

Here it is, I can vouch for its truthfulness because I have been there.

THE RENEGADE Central Prison **Underground Newspaper**

Please Read and Pass On:

Hundreds of Central Prison convicts, by and through Jail-House Lawyer, Wayne Brooks, recently filed a collective petition to Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., calling for Warden Sam Garrison's resignation upon the grounds that undue and inhumane conditions are being caused at Central Prison by the present staff beginning with the office of the Warden and because the conditions created can be traced to the inception of the present Warden of the institution.

Thus far, Governor Hunt has

falled to do anything concerning the petition. Within eighteen convicts on Lockup blocks have resorted to selfmutilation as a means to protest against the cruel and unusual punishment conditions that they are being subjected to in the form of but only half food rationing, flithy cellblocks, cut backs on their one-hour daily recreation period, and the like. So many have been cutting themselves that medical staff have set-up an en-the-scene First Ald Station where unauthorized male nurses are handling the stitching without first using a deadening agent such as Novacaine. Such repaired convicts are then thrown back in their cells for additional suffering due to the denial of pain killing

allowed to persist because, for a number of years, we have been dealing with very conservative Federal Judges in Raleigh. Then too, the new prison will be finished before we could obtain relief in the Federal Court in that that would make our contentions a moot case. In addition thereto, we have no meaningful grievance mechanism to use due to the Grievance Commission's lack of enforcing power. Because of the above, we choose to seek speedy relief from Governor Hunt. However, it appears that he has chosen not to intervene in our behalf. WHY? Probably because we

Such conditions have been

In light of the foregoing, we ask that all concerned convicts

have no VOTING POWER!!

THE GRASSHOPPER IS COMING!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TUSCARORA INDIAN HANDCRAFTS AND CULTURAL CENTER, INC.

ROUTE 2 - BOX 108

MAXTON, NORTH CAROLINA

The Tuscarora Medicine Man accompanied by Mr. Bracy Jones Jr., spent a day and night in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Medicine Man met with important people from all over the world. The people were amazed at the Man who is bringing back the ways and culture of the Tuscarora Indians, especially since it has been "lost" for 269 years.

The Medicine Man would like to meet any one who has a good knowledge of Roots and Herbs. Some of you might know something that was passed on to you by a grand parent or parent, if you do and would like to share this knowledge, you can contact the Medicine Man by calling 844-3472. The Medicine man will be glad to come to your home and meet with you. Or you can meet with him here at the handcraft center.

please call upon their outside

families and friends to write

the Honorable James B. Hunt,

Jr., Governor of the State of

North Carolina, The Capitol.

Raleigh, N.C. 27602, ON THE

DATE OF JULY 20, 1980 for

purposes of requesting him to order a thorough investigation

into the inhumane and un-

constitutional conditions that

we complained to him about in

OUR HOPE LIES IN OUR

FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

WHO STILL RETAIN THEIR

After reading this News-

letter, please pass it on to a

fellow con. We can produce

but only a few copies of:

Jerry

Lowry

honored

The Board of Advisors for

the Outstanding Young Men of

America Awards Program

announced today that the men

named on the attached listing

have been selected for in-

clusion in the 1980 edition of

These men were selected

from nominations received

from Senators, Congressmen,

Legislators, University and

College Presidents and Deans

as well as various civic groups-

including the United States

Jaycees which also endorses

the Outstanding Young Men of

In every community there are

young men working diligently

to make their cities, as well as

their country, better places in

which to live. These men,

having distinguished themsel-

ves in one or more fields of

endeavor, are outstanding and

deserve to be recognized for

their achievements. The cri-

teria for selection include a

man's voluntary service to

community, professional lead-

ership, academic achieve-

ment, business advancement

cultural accomplishments and

civic and political participa-

The men listed, along with

fellow Outstanding Young

Men throughout North Ameri-

ca will be featured in this

ments to the attention of the

American public.

Rowland, N.C. 28383

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Class

Reunion

the plans are now underway

publication

America Program.

YOUNG

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MEN OF AMERICA.

our petition.

VOTING RIGHT!!

THE RENEGADE.

Chief Leon Locklear and wife Reatha will attend ROY MAR-TIN'S 12TH ANNUAL BLUE GRASS FESTIVAL, July 18th through July 27th. The Festival will be held in LAVONIA, Georgia. Mr. Locklear will be traveling in the Mobil Tuscarora Handcraft Shop. Tuscarora Indian Handcrafts and

Jewelry will be displayed and sold at the festival.

Any one wishing to see the Handcrafts and Jewelry made in the Tuscarora Indian Handcrafts Shop can do so by stopping by the Cultural Center or by going to the Shop, we have some on display here at the Center.

from 8 til 5 and Yours Truly will be here to greet you. So stop by and say hello or come in and visit for a while.

Open house is every Tuesday

Our workers under the summer Youth program are doing a splendid job of cleaning up the Reservation, and for that we want to thank Michael Locklear, Ernie Locklear, Dannie R. Bullard, Victor Locklear, Nelson Chavis, Dexderal Chavis and Lacy Locklear.

Every Indian in Robeson County is welcome to come out and swim and fish, cook out, camp out and, if you have a camper, we have free hook ups. So come on out and bring the family. There is a bait shop that serves refreshments and hot sandwiches at a reasonable

-- by Peggy Barton, Secretary

APPLAUDS LUMBEE COURTESIES

To the editor:

My family and I had the privilege of visiting Pembroke recently, and it was a very pleasant experience. We saw your moving outdoor drama, 'Strike at the Wind," toured the beautiful Pembroke State campus, and took in just about the whole town.

The thing that impressed us most about Pembroke, though, was the friendliness and helpfulness of the very attractive people there. We needed directions to the amphitheatre and found an extremely handsome young man (with a sparkling white smile and dark eves that set 16-year old Connie's heart aflutter) who took the time to give us explicit directions. Then there was the dazzling young Indian policeman and the magnificent tall, dark, and beautiful young man on a red sports car.

It goes without saying that we really enjoyed our first trip to Pembroke: the drama, the "natives," and the town. We felt so much at home in so congenial an atmosphere. I hope we can return soon. (We have recently moved to Goldsboro from Ohio).

> Cecilia Layne Arrington Bridge Rd.

Concerned Clergy & Laity to meet

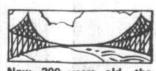
HUNGER ... **HUMAN RIGHTS...**

PEACE ...

When: Monday night, July

Where: Mt. Airy Baptist Church in the Fellowship Halllocated on Highway 72 near Pembroke, about 1 mile south of the Maynor Center Cross-

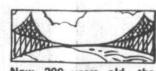
for more information call Donna Chavis and Mac Legerton at 521-3269.



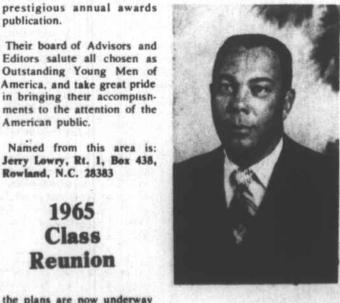
Now 200 years old, the Iron Bridge over the Severn River in Shropshire, England, was the first bridge to be constructed entirely of iron.

Came to the first meeting of Robeson County Clergy and members, parors, and com-munity members are invited to attend. The meeting will be a time to talk about our life in Robeson County and how problems here relate to those in the rest of the world.

21. at 7:30 p.m.



LOCKLEAR APPOINTED TO **NEW HORIZONS TASK FORCE**



The goal of the New Horizons

Program is to perpetuate an

environment that espands

housing choice and opportun-

ity. The New Horizons Task

Force is responsible for as-

sessing the housing patterns

of the state and for developing

for the 1965 class of Pembroke High School. The date is set for December 27, 1980. The Grady Locklear. Principal of reunion is open to those Piney Grove School has been classmates who for some reanamed by Governor Jim Hunt son or another dropped out of to serve on the New Horizons Task Force.

Current addresses are needed! All interested persons please call Charity Revels at 521-3862 or Ardell Jacobs at 521-2313 for more information. Make plans now to be with old friends and classmates on December 27, 1980.

fair housing strategies which will promote equal housing opportunities for all citizens.

Mr. Locklear also serves on the North Carolina Human Relations Council, having been appointed to that Commission by Governor Jim Hunt

Mr. Locklear grew up in the Mt. Airy Community of Robeson County and attended Union Chapel Elementary School. He is a graduate of Pembroke High School and graduated from Pembroke State College in 1963 with a B.S. Degree in Elementary Education. In 1974 Mr. Locklear graduated from East Carolina University with a M.A. Ed. Degree in School Administration. He has been employed in the Robeson County School System since

He is a veteran of the Korean Conflict and a member of the Locklear-Lowry V.F.W. Post of Pembroke, North Carolina.

Mr. Locklear, his wife Hazel and two children, Gralin Derek and Elsie Sabrina, reside in the Mt. Airy Community and attend Mt. Airy Baptist

CANIGET A WITNESS?

-A Black Viewpoint

BY MARSHALL WADE

The narrow defeat of Robert should translate that cohesiveness into Black Conscious-E. Davis of Maxton to be one of our district's representaness. By doing so, we will be tives to Raleigh is over. So now better able to get and retain a I would like to see us move degree of political power. Just forward to insure that this kind having the right to vote isn't going to guarantee anything of poor political maneuver is substantial unless that vote is ended forever. There is nothing to be gained from bickerexercised wisely. While I'm ing, blaming others, or exechiding you, I might as well cuting personal vendettas. take a swipe at some of our What is needed though is a local Black organizations who strong sense of unity in as soon as their declared purpose and a dedication to purposes, objectives, and issues are put down about that purpose which transcends any personal interests. Black black and white, forget about leaders in Hoke, Scotland, and it all and start to develop into especially Robeson Counties some sort of beauty contest or can learn a valuable lesson recognition ceremony. Paying from other groups who have tribute to this one or that one. I had to fight for basic rights certainly have nothing against and freedoms. Just as greed this kind of activity but when and the quest for power and an organization does this and status are a divisive force this alone, failing to address real issues, then as far as I am among us, so were the religious differences faced by the concerned, it's worthless. early Arab revolutionaries. The rallying theme for their How about summer jobs for

unity went something like this. our our youth? How about the quality of or lack of recre-Originating with the intellecational facilities for our young? tuals at the University of Or how about adequate hous-Beirut in lebanon, Arabs were admonished to put aside rethe poor in general. ligious differences, to forget about being Arab Christians, Arab Jews, or Arab Moslems and remember that they were Arabs first. Arabs before

KAREN BLU:

FOE OR BENEFACTOR?

Jesus Christ, Abraham, or

Mohammed. We Blacks have a

natural cohesiveness and

by Lew Barton

Karen I. Blu assistant

professor of anthropology at

New York University, has

written a book about Lumbee

Indians (Cambridge University

Press, 1980, 276 pages.) But to

date, I have been unable to

determine whether she is a foe

or benefactor of the people she describes as "numerous" and

The adjective means a mon-

gral people, hopelessly mixed

up with other races, and the

title of her book is. The

Lumbee Problem: The Making

of An American Indian

It could be that the Lumbee

Indians are beginning to won-

der if they have a Karen I.

Blu problem, similar to their

Brewton Berry problem of a

But then, again, it may be

simply that the Northern white

woman who once lived for a

time among us in the guise or

reality of a friend, simply

subscribes to the know-all.

tell-all philosophy of one par-

ticular brand of anthropolo-

While admitting that we

claim and have had accorded

to us the status of American

aborigines (i.e., Native Amer-

icans), yet her book begins

"How do a group of people

who are legally designated

'free persons of color' and who

have Indian ancestry but no

records of treaties, reserva-

tions, an Indian language, or

peculiarly 'Indian' customs

become accepted socially and

legally as Indians? To discover

just how this remarkable tran-

sition has been made by the

Lumbee Indians of Robeson

County, North Carolina, is the

task of this enterprise.'

(Book.)

few years ago.

gists.

"feisty."

ing for the poor? Or how about Yeah, folks, we'd better get our heads together or we're going to lose a lot more than

just the congressional seat once held by Mr. Davis. Think

To begin with, we are not

legally so designated, never

should have been in the first

place, and neither should the

Federal Government reservat-

ed Cherokee Indians of West-

ern North Carolina who have

been once so designated. In

the face of such a legally-

disproved designation, Karen

angels fear to tread.

Blue has rushed in where

Such expression leaves the

impression that our people are

liars, fakers, imposters, and

humbugs. We are not, we

never were, and neither has

an aboriginal people make of

themselves what they already

I bitterly resent her impli-

cation that we have perpe-

trated a fraud, creating the

problem which she calls "The

Lumbee Problem" for the rest

of the nation. We simply

sought and gained recognition

of some very significant facts

about ourselves, the most

important of which is that we

are an aboriginal people.

Such a status is not ne-

cessarily biological. It is, ra-

ther, historical and geogra-

Where do people get the idea

hat an American aboriginal

must fit the Hollywood Amer-

ican Indian stereotype in ap-

pearance? Hard-core history

contradicts such a naive

If not even anthropologists

are aware of the historical fact

that Columbus himself re-

ported encounters with such a-

typical Native Americans, then

in the name of truth and

FIRST CAME THE

INVADERS, THE LAND

HOME GUARD.

GRABBERS AND THE

sanity, who is?

SCRAPBOOK FAVORITES

by Anne St. John

by Anne St. John

FRIENDSHIP

Said Mrs. Browning, the poet, to Charles Kingsley, the novelist, "What is the secret of your life? Tell me, that I may make mine beautiful also." Thinking a moment, the beloved old author replied. "I had a friend."

Friendship is the inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person, having neither to weigh thoughts nor measure words .-- George Eliot

A FRIEND IS A PERSON---Who will help you in the hour of sickness

Who will lend you a dollar without deducting the interest.

Who will help you up hill when you are sliding down.

Who will defend you in the hour when others speak evil of

innocence until you admit your guilt.

Who will believe in your

Who will say behind your back what he says to your face.

Who will shake hands with you whenever he meets you even though you wear patches. AND-

Will do these things without expecting any return.

AFTER ALL, IT IS A FREE COUNTRY, BUT YOU CAN'T LIVE IN IT FOR NOTHING: -Selected

A FRIEND

When the roses lose their

And the world seems at an

When the day has lost its gladness

What a blessing is a friend!

One who takes you as he finds

Caring not who is to blame:

One who knows all your short

But who loves you just the Heaven sends a gift each

Of a bright new day to spend

What a joy it is to share it With God's greatest gift...

-Nick Kenny I count myself rich indeed. when I chance to meet an old

acquaintance whose generous

smile says, "My friend." HAVE YOU MADE A FRIEND TODAY?

a friend!

NEXT CAME THE KLAN, THEN BERRY AND NOW KAREN BLU WILL SUCH PEOPLE NEVER LET US BE?

The latest book démeaning

the Lumbee Indians is one by Karen Blu, a Northern White woman who wormed her way into our good graces as a VISTA worker and in the guise of friendship some ten years ago. She is now Assistant Professor of Anthropology at New York University. If she was really ever a friend of the Lumbee Indians, she has surrendered such friendship to what she may imagine to be professionalism. Like most know-it-all Northerners, she is critical of the South's racial policies, practices and attitudes. Southerners, however, are usually honest and open in their views of minorities. They do not knife you in the back while embracing you as a

The Lumbee Problem: The Making of An American Indian People -- that is the title of her 276-page book, copies of which may be purchased at the Pembroke State University Book Store. "How do a group of people who are legally designated 'free persons of color' and who have Indian ancestry but no records of treaties, reservations, an Indian language, or peculiarly 'Indian' customs become accepted socially and legally as Indians?

"To uncover how this remarkable transition has been made by the Lumbee Indians of Robeson County, North Caroilina, is the task of this enterprise." (Book.)

In such gentle fashion does the lady who once lived with us and professed humanitarian love brand us all, level sus-

*(Across from ECX) ********

picion at us all and imply that we all may be liars and frauds. For the word transition means the process of changing one thing into another, in this case switching race from Black to Indian. Or such seems to be implied.

Tassure you, if I were Black, I would be proud of my race. stand up for it and defend it. In fact, I am proud of my Black brothers, love and appreciate them, anyway. But we are not Black people masquerading as Indians, Karen Blu, an illinformed outsider despite her lofty educational perch, has foolishly rushed into an area of bitter, centuries-old controversy where even the angels fear to tread, or at least tread lightly.

First, there were the invaders (French and Scotch settlers) and the land-grabbers. Then came the Civil War and the Home Guard and a brazen attempt to enslave our people by conscripting them into slave camps. Our people resisted that overt attempt, and Henry Berry Lowry stepped out to champion Indian justice.

IT'S A FACT!



15,000 American communi ties. All but about a thou sand of them have no other form of public transporta

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